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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : Daily Activity Report - 15 October 1963

1. Mission Status

a. IDEALIST - The detachments [REDACTED] and Edwards Air Force Base, California are presently on standby status.

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Flight #3232 [REDACTED] was alerted for the NEFA and Southwest China Area on 14 October and was subsequently cancelled due to weather deterioration.

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b. BRASS KNOB - None scheduled.

c. SATELLITES - None scheduled.

2. OXCART Flight Status, 14 October 1963:

a. Aircraft #124 (trainer) made flight #155 for a duration of 1:26 hours. Purpose: operational pilot proficiency, including instrument proficiency training and engine out practice.

b. Aircraft #125 (J-58 engines) made flight #23 for a duration of 53 minutes. Purpose: operational pilot training. Maximum speed was Mach 2.35 and altitude 72,000 feet.

c. Aircrafts #121 and #126 are scheduled for flights on 15 October.

d. Aircrafts #122 and #129 are undergoing routine maintenance. Aircrafts #127 and #128 are awaiting vertical fins. Aircraft #130 is in process of assembly.

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e. General comments: a plastic vertical fin, incorporating fixes to correct delamination problems encountered on one flight in the past, now is undergoing static test at Burbank. Concurrently two sets of plastic fins are being modified to the same configuration as the fin undergoing static test. If the static test (scheduled for completion about 19 October) is successful, the modified fins mentioned above will be immediately available for installation of aircrafts #127 and #128. A set of metal fins also will be ready for delivery to the test site in about two weeks.

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